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WENATCHEE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Wenatchee River Baptist Association,

— Beach Grove Church —

Wenatchee, Washington

September 29th, October 1st, 1888.

We are sorry to say that we will be compelled to postpone our annual session from October 1st to October 2nd, 1888, due to the fact that we have been unable to secure a suitable place for our meeting.

We trust you will excuse us for this trouble, and hope you will understand our position.

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MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Tennessee River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

→ Beech Grove Church ←

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA,

September 30th, October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1898

The next Session of the Association will be held with the
Baptist Church, Harmony, Jackson County, Ala., com-
mencing on Friday after the Fourth Sunday in
Sept. 1899, at 11 o'clock. a. m.

OFFICERS

PRESTON BROWN, Moderator, - - - Hollywood, Ala.
JNO. T. RICHARDS, Clerk, - - - Pisgah, Ala.
MILTON ROACH, Treasurer, - - - Fackler, Ala.

Executive Committee of Tennessee River Baptist Association:
P. BROWN, JNO. T. RICHARDS, MILTON ROACH, J. A. EAVES,
W. L. CRAWFORD, J. J. CUNNINGHAM, C. HOWELL,
E. J. D. KENNEDY, MILTON MORRIS, and
W. B. CAMPBELL.

PROGRAM.

FRIDAY, FIRST DAY.

11 a. m., Introductory by Rev. J. M. McCord, with J. A. Eaves,
alternate.

ORGANIZATION.

1. Reading Letters and Enrollment of Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Reception of New Churches.
4. Invite Correspondents and Visitors of same Faith to seats.
5. Appointment of Special Committees.
6. (1.) Religious Services.
7. (2.) Obituaries.
8. (3.) Finance.

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9. Appoint new Executive Board.
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12. Select brother to preach Annual Sermon, and his alternate.

Call for Reports of Standing Committees in their order as follows:

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6. Woman's Work.
7. Sunday School Work.
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10. Report of Executive Board.
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4. Centennial—D. A. Carlisle, S. B. Gabel, W. M. Chandler.
5. Center Point—F. McClendon, Thomas Barbee.
6. Cave Spring—Iсаас Mathews.
7. Freedom—Samuel Butler, W. T. Trice, Home Rich, Willie Hall, Thomas Hall.
8. Friendship—Milton Roach.
9. Gurley—F. R. Beeson.
10. Goose Pond—Wm. Myers, F. J. Mills.
11. Harmony—W. B. Campbell, James Proctor, C. M. Higginbotham.
12. Hollywood—Thomas Furgerson.
13. Larkinsville—E. P. Cowart, A. W. Woosley.
14. Mt. Nebo—J. J. Cunningham, W. Howell, J. T. Taylor.
15. Mt. Zion—Milton Morris, Irving Weatherly.
16. Mt. Pisgah—W. D. Rorex, B. M. Bradford.
17. Mt. Moriah—T. K. Stephens, J. T. Bray, G. M. Siler.
18. Mt. Ararat—J. A. Berry, W. E. Glover.
19. Mt. Tabor—J. H. Fuller.
20. Mountain Grove—J. Stewart.
21. McCoy's Grove—Represented by letter.
22. New Hope—G. M. Rorex, J. F. Terry.
23. Pleasant View—Not represented.
24. Scottsboro—Represented by letter.
25. Ship of Zion—Not represented.
26. Trenton—W. A. Webb.

MINISTERIAL DELEGATES PRESENT.

P. Brown, D. S. Collins, R. M. Higginbotham, M. Hill, R. Howell, Crawford Howell, J. M. McCord, W. L. Crawford, J. A. Eaves, Jno. T. Richards, J. H. Varnell. Total number of delegates present, 57.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

MODERATOR. CLERK AND TREASURER.

3rd. Brother Samuel Butler nominated Brother P. Brown for Moderator, Jno. T. Richards for Clerk, Milton Roach for Treasurer, and moved that they be elected by acclamation, which was unanimously adopted.

After a few well-timed remarks by the Moderator he called for petitionary letters. None received.

4th. Invitation was then made to corresponding messengers and visiting brethren of the same faith and order to seats with the Association, when Brother Horton, from Mt. Carmel Association, and W. E. Baker, from the Duck River Association, and J. W. Sandlin, State Evangelist, were recognized by the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

5th. The Moderator then announced the following special committees, viz.:

Religious Services—Rev. C. Howell and Deacons of Beech Grove Church.

Obituaries—Isaac Mathews and J. T. Bray.

Finance—D. S. Collins and J. A. Berry.

The Committee on Religious Services announced that Rev. R. Howell would preach at this church tonight, Rev. M. Hill at Cedar tonight and Rev. J. M. McCord tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. at this church.

6th. On motion the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, with prayer by Rev. R. Howell.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, OCT. 1, 1898.

MORNING SESSION.

7th. The Association met according to adjournment. The congregation sang, "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound," led by D. S. Collins, prayer by M. Hill. The Moderator then called the Association to order promptly at 9 o'clock a. m.

8th. On motion the Moderator was instructed to invite visiting brethren to seats with us, giving him this authority at any time during the session without further motion. Brother N. Garner, from Bethel church, was recognized as a member of the body.

9th. On motion of Brother J. M. McCord the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee on ministerial institute work. Whereupon he appointed J. M. McCord and W. C. Crawford, to report at the sitting of this body.

10th. On motion a special memorial service in honor of Rev. J. J. Beeson, deceased, was appointed for 11 o'clock tomorrow. On motion Brothers P. Brown and W. L. Crawford were selected to conduct the services.

11th. Brother J. M. McCord moved that the announcement made by the committee on religious services that there would be preaching today at 11 o'clock be withdrawn. Motion lost.

12th. Preamble and resolutions were read by the Moderator in honor of Brother J. J. Beeson, deceased. A motion was offered that preamble and resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy of the same be delivered the bereaved family of our departed brother. Motion adopted.

13th. The Moderator requested the Clerk to call the names of the delegates then enrolled and correct the same, 57 being present. The Moderator then appointed standing committees:

Associational Mission—J. H. Roach, J. F. McCarrel, Alvey Bryant.

State Missions—J. M. McCord, F. R. Beeson.

Home Mission—W. L. Crawford, P. Brown.

Foreign Missions—R. Howell, John Roach.

Denominational and Ministerial Education—W. H. Varnell, J. M. McCord.

Temperance—Milton Roach, J. B. Campbell.

Sunday School—Jno. T. Richards, C. T. Roach.

Woman's Work—J. A. Eaves, J. J. Cunningham.

Religious Literature—A. Sisk, Crawford Howell.

Orphanage—W. B. Campbell, Pleas Coffey.

14th. The matter of choosing place and time of next meeting was next taken up. Mt. Ararat and Harmony having made application for it by letter were placed in nomination. The result of the vote was: Harmony, 32; Ararat, 16. A motion was offered and adopted that this Association meet with Harmony church on Friday after the fourth Sunday of next September, 1899.

15th. On motion Brother J. M. McCord was selected to preach the introductory sermon at next meeting, with J. A. Eaves alternate.

16th. The Moderator then proceeded to call for reports from the standing committees:

Report on Associational Mission being ready was read by W. L. Crawford, chairman; discussed by W. L. Crawford, D. S. Collins, J. M. McCord, J. H. Fuller, R. Howell. On motion was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report that we find considerable destitution in the bounds of the Tennessee River Association. Brethren, by all means we ought to have preaching done in those destitute places. Your executive committee has had preaching

done on Sand Mountain by Brother G. W. Morris, in Maynard's Cove by J. R. Lamb, in Boxes Cove by D. S. Collins. We have collected \$27.27, expended \$19.50, balance on hand \$7.77. The committee has met regularly with the fifth Sunday meeting and have done the best we could under the circumstances. We are very anxious to enlist the whole Association in this work this year. We have had only a part of the churches of the Association engaged in this work. Now let us so adjust this matter so that all the churches can take a part of this work.

W. L. CRAWFORD.

M. HILL.

Report on Home Mission being ready was read by Milton Roach, chairman; discussed by Brethren J. W. Sandlin, J. H. Varnell. Pending the discussion adjournment was had for preaching. The congregation sang, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Brother J. M. McCord, who was appointed to preach, read from the 17th chapter of St. John—text, 21-22-23 verses of the chapter read. The subject under discussion was forcibly impressed by the brother and fully enjoyed by all. Recess for ten minutes.

17th. The Association was called together by singing. Called to order by the Moderator. The subject of missions being still before the Association was further discussed by Brethren J. M. McCord, Samuel Butler, W. L. Crawford, F. R. Beeson. There being no reports ready on State and Foreign Mission, the whole mission work being under consideration was discussed in connection with Home Mission.

18th. On motion the report on Home Mission was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSION.

Your committee on Home Mission would say that the work assigned our Home Mission Board is second to none in importance, from the fact that it is the base of supplies for all other operations, as many of the strong churches were at first sustained or aided by the Home Mission Board. Churches in Washington, Richmond, Atlanta, Mobile, New Orleans, Nashville and many others were once the recipients of help from home mission—but contributing now thousands of dollars to the various enterprises of our denomination. We learn that in fourteen states, two territories and in Cuba 372 Southern Baptist missionaries are at work. Last year they baptized 4,709 persons, organized 139 new churches, and built 186 houses of worship, the churches of the

Southern Baptist Convention contributing \$78,274 35. The work in Cuba, owing to the war, has doubtless been much retarded this year. Diaz and other prominent workers have been driven from the land. There are, however, other agencies at work—a school work in which there are now 200 pupils, most of whom have been led to the Savior, the Bible being taught in the schools; the hospital at Havana being another agency for good, fifty per cent. of its inmates being led to Christ. The work of home missionaries is to supply religious destitution in our own land wherever it exists, on the western and northwestern frontier, among the Indians and the negroes, and our own race. In our own state there are three missionaries at work, sustained by the Home Board. Brethren, in our contributions and prayers let us remember Home Mission.

M. ROACH,
R. HOWELL, } Committee.
PLEAS COFFEY,

19th. On motion the churches within the bounds of this Association were requested to take up a collection for State Missions in the month of November and forward the same to W. C. Bledsoe. The Moderator then called for the report on Ministerial Education. Report read by J. M. McCord, chairman. The report was discussed by J. M. McCord in connection with Denominational Education and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The demand for an educated ministry was never greater than now. While this state of things exist it is gratifying to know that the sentiment in favor of higher education for preachers is growing among the masses. The Lord trains the heart, but it is left to man to train the mind. A cultured mind sanctified by the grace of God makes the preacher a power for good. During the session of 1897-8 there were thirty-two young men in Howard College studying for the ministry. Seventeen of that number received help from the Board of Ministerial Education.

This board is very careful in seeing that the young men who apply to it for aid are worthy. We recommend that worthy young men in this Association entering the ministry be encouraged to take a course in Howard College. Second—

We also recommend that each church in the Association take a collection for the Board of Ministerial Education. Send all money for this board to Rev. W. A. Hobson, president, East Lake, Ala., or to Dr. C. C. Jones, treasurer, East Lake, Ala.

J. M. McCORD, Chairman.

The report on Orphans' Home being ready was read by the chairman. Your committee on Orphans' Home submit the following report:

That we have one located at Evergreen, under the control of a Board of Trustees appointed by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, of which Brother John W. Stewart is the financial agent. To this Sister Woodson was the best contributor. Sister Woodson in November, 1890, made known to the Baptist State Convention her intention to give all her real estate for the maintenance of a Baptist orphans' home in Alabama. The home was temporarily located at Evergreen, Ala., January 16, 1893, and opened in a small rented house, to receive the children from any part of the state. In November, 1895, it had received twenty-two children. The trustees decided to locate a home permanently after duly advertising for bids for a location. Evergreen was chosen and property purchased, consisting of eighty acres of land lying on Main street, thirty of which is in cultivation, thirty in pasture and twenty in woodland. The buildings were a ten-room brick structure and three tenant houses. The purchase price was \$5,000, which, with interest on the deferred payments, amounted to \$400. This debt was promptly paid.

The boys are taught to do all kinds of farm work. The girls do various kinds of house work that is needful in every home. All that are old enough attend the Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged. The matriculation and incidental fee amount to \$5.00 to \$8.00 per year for each pupil. All attend Sunday school and church. Fourteen of them have joined the church and are active workers in the service of the Master. The current expenses amount to about \$6.00 per month for each child. Since the home was started there has been received 41 boys and 49 girls; out of the 41 boys two have gone by apprenticeship, 7 girls and 11 boys by adoption, 11 girls and 1 boy have passed away by death in answer to the call of their Master.

They have at present 18 boys and 31 girls, that are from 20 counties as follows: Barbour, 3; Bibb, 2; Butler, 3; Chambers, 1; Conecuh, 3; Covington, 8; Escambia, 11; Jefferson, 12; Lee, 6; Limestone, 1; Marengo, 4; Monroe, 4; Morgan, 3; Montgomery, 2; Pike, 2; Russell, 1; Talladega, 8; Tallapoosa, 2; Tuscaloosa, 9; Walker, 6.

There has been more improvements made since the purchase of 1895. There is another building of brick, also a good water

works for the use of the home. These improvements cost about \$3,500, all of which has been paid except about \$400. The home owes also about \$100 on current expenses, and Brother Stewart stated in a recent letter that money was greatly needed. We, your committee, earnestly recommend and request that a collection be taken up for the benefit of the home at the present sitting of this Association, and that the same be forwarded to Rev. John W. Stewart, and also that the several churches composing the Tennessee River Association take up a collection at their monthly meetings in December, 1898, for the benefit of the home and the children of our brethren and sisters who are there depending on us for help. Brethren, the Lord has said it is more blessed to give than receive. Therefore, let us do our duty and come up to the cry for help. Respectfully submitted,

B. M. BRADFORD.
EUGENE THOMAS.

The report was discussed by Brethren J. W. Sandlin and J. M. McCord and adopted.

20th. On motion the Association adjourned at 4 p. m. until 9 o'clock tomorrow, with prayer by Rev. W. I. Jacks, of North Liberty Association.

THIRD DAY, SUNDAY, OCT. 2, 1898.

MORNING SESSION.

21st. Association met according to adjournment and called to order by the Moderator. A short time was devoted to religious services, after which a motion was offered to rescind the motion to preach a memorial sermon in honor of J. J. Beeson today at 11 o'clock. Motion adopted.

22nd. On motion Brother Sandlin, State Evangelist, was selected to preach a missionary sermon at 11 o'clock in this church, and Brother J. M. McCord to preach a missionary sermon at the Methodist church at the same hour. Motion adopted.

At this point the report on Sunday School work was called for, and read by Jno. T. Richards.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: So much has been said and so many reports have been made to this Association in regard to the utility and importance of well conducted Sunday schools, that your committee have but little hope of accomplishing any good by any report they may submit

on this occasion. As compiled from the church letters to this meeting of the Association, it appears that of the twenty-two churches making reports nine have Sunday schools, only two show the number of officers, teachers and pupils enrolled and the attendance of pupils, twelve churches not reporting at all to this meeting of the Association, and others reporting did not report fully on Sunday School work. Your committee would suggest to the church clerks that care be taken in the letters to give the statistics of Sunday School work in full. We would beg of you that every brother and sister within the bounds of our Association will take this all-important subject into prayerful consideration and endeavor by the help of God to organize Sunday Schools in every church within our Association. The work needs organization, and if we were thoroughly organized, with pastor and church united and harmoniously laboring in the cause, but a short time would pass before we would see every church in our bounds at work in the Sunday School. Brethren, let nothing interfere in the great work of Christ, and, your children will bless you, and as the church is the salt of the earth, the light of the world, we should afford them every opportunity within our power that they may the more successfully withstand the errors and temptations to which they will be exposed.

Then, as wise servants, shoud we not, as far as possible, organize Sunday Schools in every church, and supply them with the word of God and suitable religious literature, and thus arm them for the conflict before them? Brethren, we can do this if we will. If we do our whole duty on this subject we will not only have a conscience void of offense, but the satisfaction of doing good as we have opportunity. We advise to make it a special object of prayer that God may help us to do our duty. Second, that we advise every minister, and especially the pastors of the churches, to urge the importance of the subject on their charges. Third, that we advise the churches all to work and co-operate with the ministers in this work.

May God help us make all and every sacrifice of time and means for the accomplishment of this God honoring enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. RICHARDS, { Committee.
J. H. FULLER,

23rd. The report was discussed by Brethren Jno. T. Richards, J. H. Fuller, N. J. Gattis, W. L. Crawford, J. A. Eaves, Samuel Butler, A. Sisk, Milton Roach, and adopted.

The report on Ministers' Institute being ready was read by J. M. McCord, chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' INSTITUTE WORK.

The importance of institute work among preachers cannot be overestimated when one thinks of the good that comes out of it.

Special attention is given to this work in several of our Southern states. At our last State Convention an institute board was appointed and located at Opelika, with Rev. G. S. Anderson as corresponding secretary.

These institutes are held in different localities throughout the state, and generally continued one week. The church wherever they are held gives free entertainment. No tuition is charged. Brother Anderson delivers two lectures each day on Sermon Structure, and other subjects are discussed from day to day by the different members of the institute. The blessings that come to the preacher from these institutes are blessings that come to the churches.

Those who have given special attention to this subject believe it is the quickest way to evangelize our state.

We would recommend that an institute be held in this Association some time next winter, and as the board is dependent on the voluntary contributions of the churches for aid necessary to carry on its work we recommend that each church make a contribution for this work and forward it to Rev. G. S. Anderson, at Auburn, Ala.

J. M. MCCORD.

W. L. CRAWFORD.

24th. The report was discussed by Brother J. M. McCord, and adopted.

The report on Temperance being ready was read by E. J. D. Kennedy, chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance report as follows: Intemperance is the immoderate or excessive use of or indulgence in anything, and we might say that in the general sense of the term is the chief cause of more evil than any other one thing, and more especially is this true in regard to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors. The excessive use of intoxicating liquors, according to statistics, have blighted more human lives, and been the prime cause of the happiness of more homes to be wrecked, more wives to be left widows, more children to be made orphans,

and, in a word, the cause of more general misery throughout the world than any other one thing.

But we note with pleasure that there is a strong sentiment prevailing with the masses of the people pointing and leading from this relic of barbarity and paganism to a higher plane of intelligence and civilization; and more especially do we find this spirit prevailing in the Baptist churches throughout the whole country. But still there is room for more and even greater improvement all along the line.

And, brethren, we urge and insist that it is a duty that we as Baptist people owe to our Master and to our fellow-creatures to do all we can to stamp this monster evil from existence, both by precept and example, and in a few years this great destroyer of human happiness and health will be relegated to the background, and the consequent results will be higher aims and purposes in life, more prosperity, better health, peace and happiness.

E. J. D. KENNEDY,
M. H. DAVIS,
A. W. POGUE, } Committee.

25th. The report was discussed by Brother W. L. Crawford. Pending the discussion the hour for preaching the missionary sermon having arrived, the body adjourned for ten minutes.

As the church would not accommodate the large audience services were held in the grove, conducted by Brother J. W. Sandlin. State Evangelist, as per appointment. After singing, the congregation was led in prayer by Brother J. W. Sandlin. Singing by the congregation led by D. S. Collins. Subject: "Robbing God."

The brother selected as his text Malachi 3-8.: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But we say, wherein have we robbed Thee in tithes and offerings?"

The services of the hour were edifying, and the brother preached a good, practical sermon, urging the brethren of our churches in the bounds of our Association to work and contribute of our means for the promotion of our Master's service. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for mission work. Amount collected, \$40.00.

Brethren, let us thank God and take courage, for there is a bright day coming. We need only a united effort along all lines, and victory will crown our labors. May the God of peace smile upon the labors of our beloved brotherhood.—Clerk.

26th. A motion was offered that the Association resume

work of the body in the grove, whereupon the Moderator called the Association to order, appointing Brother J. A. Eaves as Moderator pro tem.

27. On motion of W. L. Crawford the Association resumed the work of the body in the church. After a few minutes of intermission the Association was called to order by J. A. Eaves, Moderator pro tem.

The subject of Temperance being still before the Association, was further discussed by Brethren J. M. McCord, D. S. Collins, M. Hill, M. Roach, Samuel Butler, C. Howell, and after a few remarks by the Moderator was adopted.

Report on Obituaries was called for and read by chairman of the committee.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find from the church letters twenty-two deaths reported since our last meeting, to-wit:

Bethel—John Bryant, Arrena Bryant, Nancy Middleton, Mollie Reid.

Cave Spring—Frankie Hicks.

Friendship—J. O. Owens.

Gurley—D. H. Echols, Louisa Walker.

Harmony—Alsey Atkins.

Mt. Zion—Kate Ambrester.

Mt. Pisgah—J. J. Beeson, Lucy Rorex, Lottie Carter.

Mountain Grove—Julia Manning, James Sisk.

New Hope—J. H. Williams, Martha Vinson.

Freedom—Liza Robertson, Liza Prince, Waryn Prince.

Scottsboro—W. A. Coffey.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, they cease from their labors and their works do follow them." While we mourn the loss of dear ones, and feel a deep sense of our loss, we should bow with becoming submission to Him who doeth all things after the counsel of his own will, knowing "that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

I. MATHEWS.

J. T. BRAY.

28th. On motion adopted.

Preamble and resolution which was read by the Moderator (P. Brown) in honor of Brother J. J. Beeson, deceased:

Whereas, since the last annual meeting of the Tennessee River Association it has pleased the Great Head of the Church to

take from our midst and the field of his toils and his sacrifices our beloved brother and co-worker, Rev. J. J. Beeson; and

Whereas, We deem it a duty and a melancholy pleasure to give some expression of our high appreciation of his Christian character and his untiring zeal and great efficiency while he labored with us in the cause of our blessed Master; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That in all the departments of Christian and ministerial work he was faithful, zealous, exemplary and more than ordinarily successful; that as a missionary, as a delegate, in our business meetings, in the Moderator's chair, or in whatever duty he was called upon to act, he was prompt and wholly reliable. He gave freely of his time and means for the upbuilding of the church and the furthering of the cause of religion and the elevation of mankind. Broad and liberal in his views, a friend of education, he was a power for good in the community, and his real worth was not fully known till he was gone from among us.

Resolved, That this Association in which he had toiled and sacrificed more than a quarter of a century will cherish his memory and try to emulate his pious life, his deeds of love and Christian character.

Resolved further, That all the churches of the Tennessee River Association are earnestly requested to hold a special memorial service some time during this Associational year in memory of our departed and now sainted brother, and after a memorial sermon by the pastor others may have an opportunity of expressing their love and admiration of our departed brother.

Be it further Resolved, That this preamble and resolution be spread upon our minutes and a copy of the same be delivered the bereaved family of our departed brother.

Respectfully submitted,

P. BROWN.

29th. On motion the Association adjourned until 8:30 a. m. tomorrow morning, with prayer by C. Howell.

FOURTH DAY, MONDAY, OCT. 3, 1898.

MORNING SESSION.

30th. The Association met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by D. S. Collins. The Clerk not being present, on motion Milton Roach was appointed Clerk pro tem. W. L. Crawford, as chairman of the Executive committee, read the report of the board work.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Executive committee would report that we have had our regular meetings in connection with the fifth Sunday meetings. At our first meeting we only had three members present. Since then we have only had two, myself and Brother Milton Roach.

Now, brethren, for Christ's sake let us do better than that this Associational year, by each member of this board collecting all the funds he can and attending the meetings of the board and helping to direct the affairs of our Association to the glory of God and the salvation of sinners by supplying our waste places with regular preaching. The past year we have supplied these places, collected \$27.27 and paid out \$19.50. Let us do much more than this during the year 1899. May God help us.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. CRAWFORD.

31st. The report was discussed by Brethren W. L. Crawford, J. A. Eaves, M. Roach, D. S. Collins, J. J. Cunningham, Samuel Butler, C. Howell and A. Sisk, and adopted.

The report on Finance was then called for, and read by the chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, find that the churches have contributed for printing minutes the following amounts, to-wit: Bethel, \$1.20; Beech Grove, \$1.10; Cave Spring, 95c; Center Point, 85c; Centennial, \$1.00; Freedom, \$2.10; Friendship, \$1.50; Gurley, \$1.50; Goose Pond, \$1.20; Harmony, \$1.15; Hollywood, \$1.75; Larkinsville, \$1.00; Mt. Nebo, \$2.10; Mt. Zion, \$1.30; Mt. Pisgah, \$1.00; Mt. Moriah, \$1.00; Mt. Ararat, \$1.00; Mt. Tabor, 50c; Mountain Grove, \$1.00; McCoy's Grove, 50c; New Hope, \$1.00; Trenton, \$1.05; Scottsboro, 80c. Total, \$26.55.

32nd. On motion a special collection was taken up for minutes and expenses and for clerk. Amount collected, \$10.50.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TENNESSEE
RIVER ASSOCIATION.

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Paid Bro. McCloud by order J. J. Beeson.....	\$1 50
" " Morris " " W. L. Crawford.....	3 00
" " Collins " " "	5 00
" " " " "	4 00
" " Lamb " " "	6 00
" " Sandlin for Missions, &c.....	64 18
Forwarded to W. C. Bledsoe.....	28 37
Total paid out.....	\$112 05

Total paid out..... \$112.05

Leaving a balance of \$11.63 for Associational Missions.

NOTE.—If amounts paid Brother Sandlin directly by the different churches were added, the above showing would be considerably increased.

Respectfully submitted,

M. ROACH,
Treas. Tenn. River Ass'n.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A collection was taken up for Rev. S. M. Hasting, of Earkinsville. Amount collected, \$4.00.

33rd. On motion the Moderator appointed an Associational Executive committee to take into consideration any Associational work that may be referred to them. The Moderator appointed P. Brown, Jno. T. Richards, W. L. Crawford, Milton Roach, J. J. Cunningham, J. A. Eaves, C. Howell, E. J. D. Kennedy, Milton Morris, W. B. Campbell.

The Moderator appointed the following delegates to represent us in the State Convention and different Associations:

State Convention—Rev. J. M. McCord, Rev. W. L. Crawford
Rev. J. A. Eaves, Milton Roach.

Mt. Carmel Association—J. Berry, J. J. Cunningham.

North Liberty Association—Rev. J. M. McCord, F. R. Beeson.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

1st. Resolved, That at subsequent sessions of this body all delegates leaving the Association before its adjournment, the names of such delegates shall be dropped from the roll and not appear in the minutes.

2nd. Resolved, That all ordained ministers leaving before adjournment their names shall be dropped from the ministerial roll.

W. L. CRAWFORD.

3rd. Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for efficiency in their labors during this session.

4th. Resolved, That our heartfelt thanks be tendered to this church and community for their bounteous hospitality and kindness shown the delegates composing this body during our sitting with them.

MILTON ROACH.

There being nothing further to claim the attention of the Association, the Moderator addressed the brethren with parting words, at the close of which the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn to meet with Harmony church Friday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1899.

"How firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord," was sung while the parting hand was extended to the brethren, at the close of which prayer was offered by the Moderator, and the Association stood adjourned.

PRESTON BROWN, Moderator.

JNO. T. RICHARDS, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Brown, P., Hollywood, Alabama.
Crawford, W. L., Tupelo, Alabama.
Collins, D S., Carns, Alabama.
Caves, Thomas, Fackler, Alabama.
Eaves, J. A., Hollytree, Alabama.
Hill, M., Scottsboro, Alabama.
Howell, C., Francisco, Alabama.
Sloan, L. W., Gurley, Alabama.
Morris, G. W., Kirby's Creek, Alabama.
Starkey, C. T.
Lamb, J. R., Nila, Alabama.
Bain, G. W., Fabius, Alabama.
Howell, R., Fackler, Alabama.
Higginbotham, R. M., Mud Creek, Alabama.
Hastings, S. M., Larkinsville, Alabama.
Irvin, L. B., Pisgah, Alabama.
Roach, C. T., Pisgah, Alabama.
Richards, Jno. T., Pisgah, Alabama.
McCloud, James, Pisgah, Alabama.
McCord, J. M., Gurley, Alabama.
Licentiate—N. D. Lamb, Nila, Alabama.

With grateful hearts we look back over the past, and now we turn our faces to the future. We need for each church and each member to realize that we are a part of God's life saving service. Years ago our fathers laid strong foundations, and we have entered into their labors. The great work of Christians is to win this lost world to God. Much has been accomplished, but we are not yet doing what we might do. May the spirit of the Lord come with saving power upon all of our work. We had, indeed, a very pleasant session, the spirit of love and harmony pervaded the entire session, all our interests were ably discussed, many impressive speeches made on the subjects presented by the reports of the various committees. This Association is fast coming to the front, and is destined in the near future to be one of the best associations in the state.

Throughout the bounds of our Association let earnest prayer go up to God that this year may be one in which His power and presence may be graciously manifested on us and in us for His great work.

P. BROWN, Moderator.

JNO. T. RICHARDS, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Membership Last Reported	Increase.		Decrease.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.	
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Letter.			Present Membership.	Membership.				
Beech Grove.	Jackson Co., Ala.	C Howell.	O M Watson.	Francisco, Ala.	103	1	6	1	5	104							
Bridgeport.	" "	R Howell.	G T Womack.	Kyles, Ala.	109	1	1	7	6	96						2	Yes
Bethel.	" "	R Howell.	S P Vaughn.	Scottsboro, Ala.	57					50						2	Yes
Center Point.	" "	W L Crawford.	W M Chandler.	Coffey's Store, Ala.	58					58						2	Yes
Centennial.	" "	R Howell.	Isaac M Sentell.	"	58	2	3			146							
Cave Spring.	" "	R Howell.	Raymond Reid.	Estill Fork,	132	16		1	1	123							
Freedom.	" "	J A Eaves.	W R Middleton.	Fackler,	127					123							
Friendship.	" "	W L Crawford.	W T Roberts.	Gurley,	108	11	8	8	1	121							
Gurley.	Madison Co., Ala.	J M McCord.	J L Welsh.	Parke's Store,	14	1	3			18							
Goose Pond.	Jackson Co., Ala.	M Hill.	C M Higginbotham.	Kyles	47	7		3		50							
Harmony.	" "	R Howell.	R M Higginbotham.	Larkinsville,	40	2	8	1		49							
Hollywood.	" "	R M Higginbotham.	E P Cowart.	Hollytree,	12	6	5	2		19							
Larkinsville.	" "	R M Higginbotham.	R C Horton.	83	16	6			105								
Mt. Nebo.	" "	J A Eaves.	C R Flower.	Dougherty,	57			1	3	66							
Mt. Zion.	" "	W L Crawford.	Jno T Richards.	Pisgah,	148			9	5	181	8	67	Jno T Richards, Pisgah,	9	Yes		
Mt. Pisgah.	" "	D S Collins.	A J Evett.	Nila,	50	24		9	5	78							
Mt. Moriah.	" "	W A Pigg.	W P Culver.	Limrock,	29	3	4	2	1	36							
Mt. Ararat.	" "	J A Caves.	J L Buckner.	Pabis,	23	11		2		30							
Mt. Tabor.	" "	J D S Collins.	J B Wilkinson.	Iron Gap, Tenn.	7			1	1	56							
Mountain Grove.	Franklin Co., Tenn.	G W Bain.	H Blanceot.	Bloomington, Ala.	11	1	2		1	13							
McLoy's Grove.	Jackson Co., Ala.	R Howell.	J F Terry.					4		62							
New Hope.	" "																
Pleasant View.	" "																
Scottsboro.	" "																
Ship of Zion.	" "																
Trenton.	" "	J W Campbell.	L E Smith.	Trenton,	32	14	6		1	51							
					188	123	53	2	8	38	29	118	1527	25	192		

NOTE.—I have gone over your letters several times to avoid mistakes, and give the report as I find it given in your letters to the Association. I find that several of the reports do not correspond with reports made last year, consequently a correct report cannot be given. The increase in membership as reported is 144. However, there seems to be some irregularities that may increase or decrease the above figures. Brethren, do not fail to give a full and as accurate a record as can be obtained.—Clerk.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1898.

NOTE.—The amount of money raised during the year, as reported by the letters, appears to be: For missions, \$20151, and for all other purposes, according to the reports, \$1236.90. Total with Sunday collection at Association, \$15084, an increase of \$151.84. I find that there are some irregularities in some of the reports. Please, brethren, to be more careful about this matter.—Clerk.